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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:				
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00	...	...
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	...
$100,000-$500,000	...	.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000	...	...	...	.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by-continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1,000 to $2,000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]23,193	.....	6,387	4,274	6,152	1,127	196	294	[2]140,433	.....	20,925	11,827	52,148	9,879	1,389	1,466
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]8,822	2,775	717	2,314	720	63	106	.....	[2]48,832	8,172	2,895	16,686	6,302	319	430
Massachusetts.....	226	129	52	...	141	2	1	1	1,670	975	169	...	1,437	22	3	6
Rochester.....	6	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	28	28	25	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	58	58	51	...	...	...	...	...	229	229	218	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	8,684	3,444	1,139	427	5,251	468	33	241	62,359	20,563	8,096	3,103	44,124	4,077	295	1,170
Philadelphia.....	37	7	...	...	30	2	(*)	1	256	46	...	...	230	14	(*)	5
Maryland.....	45	45	1	1	14	19	...	5	63	59	4	(*)	45	10	...	2
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	7,397	2,015	3,058	3,759	2	1	...	(*)	14,200	3,915	5,303	8,337	10	16	...	2
New Orleans.....	400	81	336	12	...	(*)	...	...	888	213	781	58	...	1	...	...
Galveston.....	336	187	184	44	41	12	...	20	1,281	733	539	63	434	63	...	123
Laredo.....	143	107	118	...	(*)	...	...	...	430	364	408	...	1	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	495	201	97	20	181	126	32	3	4,540	1,340	473	135	2,314	1,269	228	41
San Francisco.....	739	455	5	6	115	382	124	7	6,115	3,856	29	84	1,376	3,603	837	45
Washington.....	150	132	81	(*)	7	31	...	...	930	880	387	2	47	443	...	...
Alaska.....	9	9	(*)	...	(*)	7	...	...	45	44	2	...	1	37	...	...
Hawaii.....	47	34	...	...	3	32	4	(*)	150	130	...	...	2	121	20	2
Montana and Idaho.....	38	38	33	...	...	...	...	...	205	203	195	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	76	72	58	...	3	...	...	(*)	300	259	228	...	39	...	...	2
Minnesota.....	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	14	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	99	77	49	...	48	(*)	(*)	1	315	229	77	...	220	11	3	1
Chicago.....	1,080	272	532	(*)	285	44	2	15	4,814	1,095	2,839	1	1,458	182	3	67
Ohio.....	277	28	204	...	(*)	...	...	...	910	38	828	...	1	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	406	199	362	3	2	...	...	...	309	186	243	43	3	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	55	46	19	(*)	28	1	(*)	...	501	486	68	1	407	12	1	...
Special Category[3].....	2,382	1,175	...	...	...	...	...	...	39,879	12,946	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	10,878	.....	3,155	669	5,900	1,042	78	34	81,278	.....	7,879	2,771	59,049	8,306	355	718
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	5,015	1,329	237	2,678	684	67	20	.....	35,668	2,780	1,116	25,511	5,875	43	343
Massachusetts.....	131	66	6	(*)	123	2	(*)	...	765	509	129	(*)	576	12	(*)	...
Rochester.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	(*)	...	...	...	15	9	5	...	4	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	19	6	19	...	(*)	(*)	...	(*)	210	194	178	...	(*)	(*)	...	22
New York.....	5,922	2,715	161	115	5,199	358	64	25	60,486	24,978	2,119	1,648	51,792	2,925	192	656
Philadelphia.....	19	19	(*)	...	7	12	...	(*)	553	516	6	...	461	52	...	2
Maryland.....	14	4	(*)	...	13	(*)	...	(*)	212	33	1	...	183	(*)	...	2
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,221	764	1,751	454	16	1	...	...	2,554	1,274	1,443	983	66	3	...	...
New Orleans.....	136	75	126	9	1	(*)	...	...	69	33	38	16	3	1	...	...
Galveston.....	128	29	123	1	4	(*)	...	...	226	38	74	17	85	14	...	...
Laredo.....	150	138	150	...	...	...	...	...	77	54	64	...	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	432	204	50	5	158	213	6	1	4,476	1,207	1,008	44	2,107	1,062	30	13
San Francisco.....	327	250	2	(*)	53	259	8	5	2,809	2,033	32	31	635	1,819	126	14
Washington.....	101	93	6	...	7	89	...	(*)	1,288	1,116	185	...	36	1,011	...	4
Alaska.....	25	6	17	...	2	6	...	...	963	917	17	...	25	917	...	...
Hawaii.....	35	11	1	...	1	32	(*)	...	223	66	3	...	14	176	7	...
Montana and Idaho.....	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	33	33	33	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	2	2	2	...	(*)	...	...	...	40	40	39	...	(*)	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	5	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	25	21	...	...	...	21	...	...
Michigan.....	39	26	1	...	36	1	...	1	230	140	15	...	164	2	...	6
Chicago.....	379	193	89	...	262	27	...	1	4,986	2,062	2,053	...	2,675	117	...	1
Ohio.....	23	2	13	...	10	...	...	...	325	12	110	...	184	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	722	366	633	86	4	...	...	...	341	192	261	32	23	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	45	38	6	...	3	35	...	...	361	193	68	...	15	175	...	...

* Less than 500 pounds or $500.

1 Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

2 Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

3 Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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